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Paterno, president out at Penn State

Legendary coach, ISU alum Spanier fired amid scandal

By Genaro C. Armas
The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — In a massive shakeup, Penn State football coach Joe Paterno and school president Graham Spanier, an Iowa State alum, were fired Wednesday night by

the board of trustees amid the growing furor over how the school handled child sex abuse allegations against an assistant coach.

The longtime coach, the winningest in major college football, was ousted at the end of day that began with his announcement to retire at end of



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the season, his 46th. "The university is much larger than its athletic teams," board vice chair John Surma said during a packed press conference. Paterno and Spanier were informed by telephone of the unanimous decisions to remove them. Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley will serve as interim coach while Rodney Erickson will be the interim school president.

"The Penn State board of trustees tonight decided it is in

the best interest of the university to have a change in leadership to deal with the difficult issues that we are facing," Surma said. Paterno said in a statement earlier Wednesday that he was "absolutely devastated" by the abuse case, in which his former assistant and onetime heir apparent, Jerry Sandusky, has been charged with molesting eight boys over 15 years, with some of the alleged assaults taking place at the Penn State football complex.

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FOOD:

Hy-Vee stores honor vets with free breakfast

By Daily Staff

Veterans can receive free breakfast this Veterans Day. The Lincoln Center Hy-Vee will be serving the free breakfast from 6 to 11 a.m. on Friday. Randy Kruse, store director of the Lincoln Center location, said the breakfast buffet will include eggs, bacon and potatoes, among other offerings. Several other Hy-Vees in the Midwest will also partaking in honoring veterans with a free breakfast. "Hy-Vee's Veterans Breakfast is one of the most rewarding activities we sponsor each year," said Randy Edeker, Hy-Vee president in a news release. "It's an opportunity for communities to come together to thank our veterans for the sacrifices they have made to secure our freedoms."

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Health

Scoring low in sex ed

Iowa State ranked low in sex education, resource access

By Ted.Sics
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Iowa State placed 81st in the Trojan condom company's annual college sexual health resources survey.

The survey, which was released Oct. 19, was conducted by the research firm Sperling BestPlaces. It ranked the student health centers of 141 colleges and universities within the Bowl Championship Series system, according to a criterion, which included the availability of STI testing, sexual health outreach programs and contraception distribution.

Iowa State's current ranking reflects a slight improvement over last year's 100th-place finish.

Reonda Washington, prevention program coordinator at the Thielen Student Health Center, said her department tries to make it as easy as possible for students to access sexual health resources.

Free Condom Wednesday and Thursday have proven especially popular among students, Washington said.

"We are one of the only schools in

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Business

Forum looks at dean search

CoB aims for a new dean by July 2012

By Amber.Hovey
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With the retirement of Labh Hira, the College of Business is now searching for a new leader.

Pam White, dean of the College of Human Sciences co-chairwoman of the Business dean search committee, asked people in an open forum Wednesday for "guidance for the committee" in finding the right person to be the new dean of the College of Business.

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Photo:Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily

Danny Johnson, associate dean, voices his opinion during the Business Open Forum on Wednesday at the Gerdin Business Building.

Agriculture

'I Love Farmers' at ISU

By Maia.Zewert
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Two California Polytechnic State University students visited Iowa State Monday night to spread the word on the importance of agriculture.

Brean Bettencourt and Mitchell Yerxa are both a part of I Love Farmers..They Feed My Soul, a non-profit grassroots movement sweeping across college campuses. I Love Farmers was started three

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Greek community

Coming together to support Dance Marathon

By MaryKate.Burkert
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Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Delta Zeta sorority are teaming up to raise money for Dance Marathon.

With a fall carnival on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. the sorority and fraternity will host an event at 2121 Sunset Drive, which

is set to include an adult-sized bounce house, carnival games, prizes and Papa John's pizza.

Tickets are \$5 and can be bought from any Delta Tau Delta or Delta Zeta member or at the door. All proceeds raised will be donated to the ISU chapter of Dance Marathon.

"We decided to pair up be-

cause we thought our houses would work well together and we could double the profits," said Olivia Gaudineer, co-chair for the event. "We decided on donating the money raised to Dance Marathon because it is a great cause at Iowa State, and we wanted to help support something local."

Cameron Johnson, also

a co-chair for the event, said the induction of the carnival fits well with the big anniversary of Dance Marathon.

"With this being Dance Marathon's 15th year at Iowa State, we decided it would be the perfect cause to raise funds and awareness for," Johnson said.

"I am excited for our houses to get to know each

other a little better, for people to have a good time and to raise money for a cause that is not only close to my heart but also to thousands of students on campus," Johnson said.

Many members of the chapters show enthusiasm for the fall carnival as it

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ART WALK: Sharing, showing the creativity of campus

Nancy Girard, program coordinator of university museums, led an artwalk in the Molecular Biology Building on Wednesday. The artwalk was free and open to the public, giving in depth information and history of the art.

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Temperatures warmer today. It's Mother Nature's way of saying "sorry for the snow!"

1977:
On this day in 1977, an early season blizzard struck western Iowa, causing travel to come to a standstill. Over six inches of snow fell in some areas, combined with 65 mph winds that resulted in trees and radio towers being blown over.

Police Blotter: Ames, ISU Police Departments

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Oct. 24

An officer assisted a resident who was experiencing medical difficulties at Maple Hall (reported at 12:14 p.m.).

A resident reported receiving harassing messages at Elm Hall (reported at 3:09 p.m.).

A staff member reported being harassed by an acquaintance at Lagomarcino Hall (reported at 4:20 p.m.).

Officers initiated a drug-related investigation at the Armory (reported at 7:14 p.m.).

Mike Givens reported the theft of a bike at Music Hall (reported at 7:21 p.m.).

Kayla Schmidt, 19, 2352 Wallace Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and underage possession of alcohol; she was subsequently released on citation (reported at 8:40 p.m.).

Oct. 25

Vehicles driven by **Selena Russell** and **Sarah Woods** were involved in a property damage collision at Stange Road and University Boulevard (reported at 9:28 a.m.).

Ryan Penney reported the theft of a bike at Music Hall (reported at 10:20 a.m.).

Robert Bernard, 18, 5439 Wilson Hall, was cited for underage possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia at the Armory (reported at 5:35 p.m.).

Vehicles driven by **Allison Hofstad** and **Patricia Leigh** were involved in a property-damage collision at South 16th Street and University Boulevard (reported at 7:09 p.m.).

Keaton Luke, 18, 4808 Helser Hall, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (reported at 9:03 p.m.).

Frendy Thomas, 23, no permanent address, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass at the Memorial Union; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 9:41 p.m.).

Oct. 26

Jimmy Dillard, 27, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, was arrested and charged with third-degree theft. **Kourtney Swanberg-Wildt**, 18, also of Fort Dodge, Iowa, was arrested and charged with third-degree theft and possession of a controlled substance. Both incidents were reported at the University Book Store. They were both transported to the Story County Justice Center (reported at 3:22 p.m.).

A staff member reported a male acting in a lewd manner in the Memorial Union (reported at 3:30 p.m.).

Two items of found property were placed into secure storage until the owner can be located at the Memorial Union (reported at 5:16 p.m.).

Julia Giles, 18, 3415 Wilson Hall, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (reported at 7:37 p.m.).

Oct. 27

A resident reported being harassed by an acquaintance at Martin Hall. (reported at 11:54 a.m.).

Abhijit Patwa, 5125 Frederiksen Court, reported the theft of a bike at Howe Hall. (reported at 4:38 p.m.).

Jin Han, 263 North Hyland Avenue, unit 4, reported the theft of a book from a design studio in the Armory. (reported at 5:29 p.m.).

Oct. 28

Jay Kruger, 21, 3718 Tripp Street, unit 107, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Hayward Avenue and Hunt Street; he was transported to the Story County Justice Center. (reported at 1:08 a.m.).

A truck driven by **Robert Miller** collided with a stop sign at Bissell Road and Marston Court. (reported at 11:18 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a laptop computer at Carver Hall. The incident occurred on 10/26/11. (reported at 1:01 p.m.).

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Earthquake

Turkish Student Association aids in relief

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Frequent aftershocks still shake the ground in eastern Turkey's Van province since the region was struck by a 7.2-magnitude earthquake on Oct. 23.

The most recent of these aftershocks took place Wednesday. Early reports from Today's Zaman, an English-language newspaper based in Turkey, indicate that the seismic event collapsed the Bayram Hotel, a five-story building that housed journalists and relief workers.

Analysts at Earthquake-Report.com wrote Monday that the quake had claimed 604 lives, injured more than 4,100 and left 241,000 homeless.

As counts of the dead, wounded and displaced continue to rise, Turkish students and faculty are stepping forward to help.

Members of the Turkish Student Association have been collecting aid donations since Oct. 29.

Association members had



Photo: Burhan Ozbilici/The Associated Press
Turkish and Azeri rescuers search for victims in the debris of a collapsed building in Erçis, Van, Turkey, Oct. 28. The death toll was increased Friday.

originally made other plans for that date, which is known to Turks as Republic Day.

"It's the anniversary of the foundation of the Turkish Republic," said Abdulkadir Celik, TSA vice president and graduate student in electrical and computer engineering.

Turkish students sometimes celebrate the day with an event. This year, they saw the chance to do more than just honor their country's past.

"We decided to [do] fund-

raising for the victims of the earthquake," Celik said. "It made our Republic Day event more meaningful."

Celik said the event brought in about \$700 from about 100 different donors. He added that all donations would go to the Turkish Red Crescent Society.

The association has continued raising funds since the Republic Day event, collecting more donations at a Sunday morning gathering

in University Village for the Islamic feast day Kurban Bayrami (known as Eid al-Adha in Arabic). The evening of that same day, members sustained fundraising efforts at an International Desert and Snack Fair, held in the Memorial Lutheran Church. All proceeds from the fair will also go to the Turkish Red Crescent Society.

Halil Ceylan, TSA faculty adviser and associate professor of civil engineering, said the earthquake had shown the consequences of shoddy building practices and lax building code enforcement.

Ceylan cited statistics posted Monday on Earthquake-Report.com that said 2,779 buildings had collapsed, 21,674 were severely damaged and 34,924 were moderately damaged.

Of the many building practices that doomed occupants of badly constructed buildings, Ceylan singled out a few for extended criticism. Among these was builders' reliance on dangerously thinned-out concrete.

"To make it easily constructable, people add a lot of water to the concrete, so that it flows like a soup," he said. "Then they don't have to spend a lot of time to shape the concrete."

He also bemoaned the critical lack of adhesion between such concrete and the steel beams that are often within it.

"The bond should be between the concrete and the steel. But now you see the reinforcing steel sticking out," he said, referring to photos of earthquake ruins. "That also shows they did not use the proper steel."

Ceylan reproached builders for knocking out walls on buildings' ground floors, a practice responsible for making what civil engineers call "soft stories." By creating these, he said, builders were removing structural elements that could have helped buildings withstand earthquakes.

"Because they are using these for business purposes, they take out the walls to create open space," he said. "This significantly reduces the over-

all stability of the building."

Ceylan noted that buildings in slum areas of Van were affected worst by the quake. Some of these were made of adobe, a mixture of sand, clay and organic material — a poor choice for a seismically active region like eastern Turkey.

"That's not the proper material you can use over there," he said. "That should be eliminated."

Ceylan added that by not enforcing current building codes, public officials were endangering not only the safety of their fellow Turks, but also their own safety.

"They're building their own tombs," Ceylan said.

The fact that the recent disaster could have been averted makes it all the more tragic for the professor.

"In the year 2011, we should not be seeing this level of damage," he said. "It's definitely preventable."

Though Ceylan called the earthquake's aftermath "heartbreaking," he said the ongoing student response to it had edified him.

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The forum was held in a seminar room in the Gerdin Business Building.

The purpose of the forum was to hear from the university community about what kind of leadership attributes should be sought after in the next Business dean.

Discussion started out slowly but picked up as time elapsed. The search committee, seated facing the audience, remained attentive to every person's comments.

One quality brought up multiple times throughout discussion was for the new dean to have "momentum."

"Each previous dean of the College of Business has brought the college to the 'next level' and the new

dean should keep this going," said Danny Johnson, associate dean for undergraduate programs.

The audience, the majority of whom were faculty and staff of the College of Business, agreed with noddling of heads that the new dean should have administrative experience and should come from a college at a similar or higher level than Iowa State.

More than one of the audience members also brought up the importance of the new dean understanding the value of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation and the land grant.

As far as personal characteristics, Johnson said the new dean should possess "honesty, integrity,

high value of ethics" and should be a "straight-shooter."

The search for a new dean is an open search, meaning that anyone inside or outside of Iowa State may apply.

"Each candidate will be treated equally and will be based on qualifications and vision," said Qing Hu, a search committee member and chair of the department of supply chain and information systems."

"The hardest part is recruitment," said Dawn Bratsch-Prince, search committee co-chairwoman and associate provost. She asked for the faculty and staff to "help us build up a deep and diverse pool of candidates."

The College of Business hopes to have a new dean selected by July 1, 2012.

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the Big 10 or Big 12 area that distributes condoms in this way to our students," Washington said. "Last year we distributed 96,000 condoms."

In addition to giving out male contraceptives, the health center provides female birth control options at or below the market price.

"We do bystander interventions, which is part of sexual assault awareness," Washington said. "There are other groups on campus that do sexual health programs that talk about intimate relationships and things like that, but we're focusing more on what's effective."

Columbia University in New York City topped Trojan's list for the second year in a row. The University of

Iowa came in at ninth place. DePaul University, a Catholic school in Chicago, finished last.

Despite Iowa State's relatively low ranking in the survey, Story County is the third-healthiest county in Iowa in terms of STI and teen pregnancy rates, according to the County Health Rankings.

"Considering that [Free Condom Wednesday and Thursday] is the only program I've ever heard of, I think there is room for improvement," said Matt Lutjen, junior in criminal justice.

Taylor Harrison, senior in psychology, held a different opinion.

"Overall, they do a fairly good job of making sexual education available here," she said. "But it's depressing that Iowa beat us."

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years ago in response to California's passing of Proposition 2, which outlined how farmers should house chickens, veal calves and breeding pigs. This overregulation, they said, could force family farmers and ranchers out of business.

"People thought this is not right, and something had to be done," Bettencourt said.

A devoted group of Cal Poly students got together and decided they needed to spread the word on how important agriculture is, not just to farmers

and others involved in the industry, but to everyone on the planet.

To increase awareness among young adults about where their food comes from so they can make informed decisions when voting on matters of agriculture, I Love Farmers has put forth an aggressive social media campaign using Facebook and Twitter. As one of the fastest growing agriculture Facebook groups, I Love Farmers has provided a forum where people can talk and debate about different issues in the agriculture world.

"Our goal is to create conversations about American agriculture with col-

lege students and to disseminate materials that will lead them to credible sources of information about food and agriculture," said Megan Silcott, president of I Love Farmers.

On Thursday, I Love Farmers will be sponsoring a nationwide agriculture advocacy event entitled "WTF — Where's The Food Without The Farmer." Students on nine college campuses, including Texas A&M and Oklahoma State, will become "catalysts for conversations," asking people about their opinions on agriculture.

Besides providing credible information about the American agriculture

industry, these students will also be handing out free I Love Farmers gear and telling of their own experiences in agriculture.

"In our own rights, we're all experts," Yerxa said. "We know what we're talking about because we've lived it."

"People can tell you you're wrong, but no one can disregard your experiences," Bettencourt added.

Iowa State will be participating in the WTF this Thursday. More information about I Love Farmers can be found on their Facebook page "NEW I Love Farmers They Feed My Soul."

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draws near.

"I am so excited for this event because it is going to be a great Panhellenic philanthropy uniting two Greek houses," said Jessica Muntz, junior in event management.

"I also think it is great because it supports an awesome student run philanthropy on campus."

The philanthropy will be held at Delta Tau Delta on Thursday, Nov. 10th.

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Editorial

Despite strong criticism, FDA remains vital

Formed in 1906 after muckraking journalists exposed practices within food industries that varied from revolting to deceptive to downright dangerous health practices, the Food and Drug Administration is the latest federal agency to come under attack by members of the Republican Party. Ten bills were recently sent to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and “aim at increasing the predictability, consistency and transparency of the FDA’s medical device review and approval process.”

The Republican signatories of the bills stated that FDA regulations hurt American businesses and force jobs overseas, hurt patients with delays in approving treatments, and “has harmed American innovation.”

Fox News commentator John Stossel has weighed in on the subject, writing that FDA policies mean that companies and the free market do not fill needs for some medications. A Senate bill from last week gives the FDA an additional \$50 million, but a House bill passed over the summer eliminated \$280 million from their budget, which amounts to 11 percent.

Quality drugs in our hospitals and quality food in our supermarkets are important. Having quality medications that have been well studied may even be more important than understudied medications that serve as quick fixes. Companies rushing to provide medicines may be a cheap and easy solution, but health in any country that pays its medical bills with insurance is a public issue.

Corporations act for profit in their own interest. If they get to operate in a medical field and gain some feeling of righteousness from it, fine. But their first goal is money. And that is something that conflicts with standards of decency. If the most important rule of medicine is indeed to do no harm, companies should abide by it as well.

Theodore Roosevelt’s presidency, perhaps the best Republican administration in our history, attempted to chart a new political course. Instead of choosing to legislate and preside for the benefit of corporations, as Republicans before and since have all too often done, or for the benefit of the masses, as Democrats before and since have done all too often, he decided he wanted American policy to be for the benefit of the whole American people. Instead of benefiting the majority, policy was supposed to benefit America.

The Food and Drug Administration is something from which we all benefit, and having an agency to fill its oversight role is something that makes our world better. Republicans would do well to remember that perhaps the greatest Republican ushered it into the American system.

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Transportation



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Riders pack into a CyRide bus at Kildee Hall to avoid the rain on Tuesday. Columnist Long argues that common courtesy while riding CyRide to class or work not only makes the ride more comfortable but also saves riders time and hassle.

Show courtesy on CyRide

Students need to show common sense when riding the bus on campus

It is November. That means by now everyone on campus has been here for at least three months. Anyone who rides the bus with any regularity has done it enough to know how it works. So why, when I got on the bus Friday of last week, did no one seem to know what happens every single time a bus begins to fill?

My friend and I stood on the steps and waited and waited as everyone stood around in the front half of the bus. Eventually, the driver managed to get the door closed behind the couple other people who managed to squeeze on after us. It was strange, and slightly irritating, that the driver didn’t usher everyone to the back of the bus. There was no one behind the rear doors, and yet I was forced to become uncomfortably intimate with several people I didn’t know.

Why does this happen every day? Every single time that I ride the bus during the day, unless it is in the middle of an hour when most people are in class or in the library, the bus has had to stop and wait so the bus driver can get us all to shuffle backwards as though we are a mass of cattle which do not want to walk to the end of our trailer.

My personal favorite is when we are prod-

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ded to move back, and whoever is furthest back on the bus moves about three feet and stops, when there is still ample space behind them. When they are helpfully reminded again by the driver, they look behind them as though there is nowhere to go, and cannot, for the life of them, figure out why the bus hasn’t started on to its next destination yet.

I know it only takes a couple minutes, but it is a major annoyance. You would think that we, after having this happen over and over and over again, would use that wonderful brain we are here to develop, and adapt. We can see and can interpret what we see (or at least we should be able to by now). So, when the bus is full toward the front and you look out and see people at the bus stop, why don’t you move back right away, instead of waiting to hear the call?

Better yet, why don’t you make sure that you’re standing closer to the back than the front anyway (assuming the bus isn’t overcrowded but the seats are full) so that we don’t have to wait in the event that only a few people need on?

It is as though we are territorial over where we are standing or something. It seems like we’ve arbitrarily picked a spot to stand, and cannot be inconvenienced to move anywhere else, though we know the bus won’t move until we do.

Maybe some of you have some sort of fear, like claustrophobia. I can understand that, but standing towards the back isn’t going to necessarily place you closer to a group (especially if everyone else remains standing in the front), and in the end, you’re just delaying the inevitable. You’re going to be packed in like tuna in a can by the end of the bus trip anyway.

It isn’t just a time issue either. People may have a tight schedule between class and work, or have an appointment to get to. By simply positioning yourself toward the back of the bus, you can make someone’s day infinitely easier. It also could end up saving CyRide some money. They’re having funding issues, and if they don’t have to stay idle every single trip for people to shuffle towards the back, it may cut gasoline costs.

It’s not that hard. It’s not that big of an inconvenience. You know it’s going to happen, so why do you waste your time, and everyone else’s as well? Just walk towards the back when you get on the bus. Everyone else on the bus and waiting outside thanks you.

Craig Long is a senior in political science from Essex, Iowa.

Education

American schooling in decline?

Embrace the varying levels of intelligence, teaching abilities

I’ve recently joined the dissent on the alarming costs of education that continue to plague Americans. It’s a no brainer — the high costs of higher education do not guarantee any returns.

There are also parallels being drawn on the declining quality of the American education system. Several statistics place the American school system, largely looking at high school, at a sorry 26th ranking globally. Of those numbers, the most dwarfed are math and science with global rankings of 25th and 26th respectively. Troubling? There is indeed a minefield of alarming statistics out there.

Fareed Zakaria, editor of Newsweek and a show-host for CNN, alarmingly cast America’s future as a technology leader as bleak and deeply wounded if the education system does not catapult back to the top. Statistics that paint gloom on student scores in standardized tests such as SATs, and a host of other graduate entry programs for colleges, would justify a disconnect between the levels of expectation and the way that students are taught.

Industry leaders have also taken the not-so-high road at castigation. They are faulting what goes on in the classroom. In other words, they claim that teachers either don’t know how to

By Benson Amollo
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teach or are resorting to methods so ill-timed as to deliver expectations. Leading those charges is Microsoft founder Bill Gates, who recently attributed the “decline” in America’s education system to poor design of the school system. Gates claimed that schools must be redesigned and teaching methods overhauled to respond to new realities.

However, while all the concerns being raised over the decline in the quality of education would be the needed step toward righting misstep, there is a thick cloud of American exceptionalism that is so blinding in the debate. No one is ready to appreciate that America’s downward shift in ranking should not factor greatly on the quality of education.

What if those shifts are a pointer to the rise of the rest? Is there any doubt that countries like India, China and even Kenya have made remarkable progress in their education systems over the last few decades? And could others have improved without the quality of education in America declining?

In fact, it is unfair to make the decline conclusion without factoring the growth of America’s population — a cultural mix that has also seen a steep rise in immigration over the last few decades. The rise of the rest of the world should bear testimony to, in columnist Thomas Friedman’s words, “a world so flat.” Globalization has

its children. Countries that were doing badly in the last decades or even century, have borrowed proper practices from the rest that had learned the same ahead of time; they’re simply applying the practices and getting better.

So, everything considered, it is utterly unfair to declare the demise of America’s gloried education just by comparison, especially when a streaming number of new students from India, China, Nepal, Namibia, Kenya and elsewhere in the world come to U.S. campuses. To the rest of the world, American education still ignites a lot of envy. And the numbers testify.

Opinion leaders, in a bid to inject new ideas and more policy issues into the education system, will have to realize that a huge economy such as this will have teething problems with her most sensitive sectors, education being a leading one, when the economy takes a nosedive.

If anything, higher education has become more competitive. More than ever, students have to stand up to the mark and prove that they have the “edge” to fit into a particular program in a chosen college.

The one thing that I would insist that policy makers look into is the relevance of what students are learning. It is true that there are serious time wasters in schools.

At the college level, they masquerade as general education courses. This package is a notoriety that forces students to memorize information that immediately becomes irrelevant

on the last day of class. It is the tale of several schools insisting on a religious course while technical disciplines like information technology remain optional.

Finally, most arguments on America’s declining education standards are a mere conventional shot on the arm that looks at success from a straitjacket perspective.

For most, if education is not producing trained doctors, engineers or lawyers, then it’s doomed to failure. The education system is being excused of producing risk takers who would purposely grow the economy, but establishing business ventures can only be a sorry excuse. An education should be nothing but a reflection of our individual requirements.

It’s foolhardy to strive to be different from one another, because we are. History has proven that some students excel academically, whilst others achieve their merits through determination, perseverance and a resilient nature.

There are few subjects that cater for students who think more creatively than analytically. A student may be able to solve a complex calculus in less than 40 seconds, but not string a grammatically well-written sentence together for their English exam.

We have varying levels of talents, skills and intelligence that we must embrace.

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MISSOURI:

Cyclones survive tough road test

Dean Berhow-Goll, Daily staff writer

Iowa State survived a tough road test last night, getting one step closer to winning out the rest of the season.

The No. 13 Cyclones (20-4 11-2 Big 12) defeated the Missouri Tigers in four sets (23-25, 25-12, 28-26, 25-20) in Columbia, MO.

"It was a big win for us out on the road," said coach Christy Johnson-Lynch. "It wasn't pretty, but we just kind of hung in there and made some nice plays at the end."

The Cyclones stayed with the Tigers most of the first set, but were not able to recover from being down late 20-23. The Cyclones hit only .256 with eight errors and allowed Missouri to hit over .300.

After losing the first set, something clicked in the second set.

"We were serving tough and they struggled with passing and couldn't do much right on the other side," Johnson-Lynch said. "So we just kind of cruised through set two, and it was hard for them to comeback after a game like that."

The Cyclones stormed back hitting on a .467 clip as a team and only had one attacking error. At the same time they held Missouri to .086 hitting and forced five errors.

Set three was a thriller as Iowa State clawed back from being down at set point 22-24, to winning the set 28-26. In this set senior right side

After winning that emotional set, Iowa State took set four 25-20 and took the match as well.

Leading Iowa State's well-balanced attack was Carly Jenson. After a slow start, Jenson managed 18 kills. Along with Jenson, Kelsey Peterson had 16 kills, Jamie Straube had 15 and Victoria Hurr had 14.

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Cross-country

Nelson races to win

By Caitlyn Diimig
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A year ago, Meaghan Nelson did not have much to do with the women's eighth-place finish at the NCAA Nationals.

Now, the team will not have much of a shot finishing in the top 10 without the senior from Cedar Rapids.

"She's in a pretty newfound territory," said coach Corey Ihmels. "She's not used to being in the limelight, she's not used to being up there with the top group."

Nelson sat out last year's cross-country season due to stress fractures.

After cross training, Nelson ran the Big 12 indoor track and field 5,000-meter race, placing 12th in the event. A few months later at the Drake Relays, she won the 5,000-meter race — a feat she said she thought was a fluke.

On Oct. 29, Nelson was runner-up at the Big 12 Championships by three seconds, having been out-sprinted by Texas Tech's Caroline Jepleting for the top spot.

"She really battled," Ihmels said of Nelson. "She tried to win the race."

Ihmels said Nelson is the epitome of calm, cool and collected.

"It's a great trait to have," Ihmels said. "You can't get too up or too low. You've got to be status-quo and that's her

personality."

Before a race, Nelson said she does not like to get the team too hyped up.

"I try and keep people calm," Nelson said. "I think that's one thing I'm pretty good about, is staying level-headed before the race."

Even though Nelson will not rile up her teammates, it does not mean she will not lend out words of wisdom.

"She's always got a supportive word to say to you," said senior India Lee. "She underplays herself; she'd never say how good she is. That's a really good example for everyone else."

Nelson said she feels prepared for the upcoming NCAA Regionals on Friday in DeKalb, Ill.

"I'm feeling more confident," Nelson said. "Still not 100 percent, but Big 12's definitely confirmed how I felt in my first two races of the year."

Nelson previously placed 13th and ninth overall in two of the most competitive races of the year.

However, Ihmels said Nelson's confidence would come with time.

"Her voicing that she's maybe not confident and having those doubts before the last couple of races, I don't think that's a symbol of her not being confident in herself," Ihmels said. "I think that's just her coming to the realization, 'Man, I'm pretty good.'"



Photo:Kendra Plathe/Iowa State Daily
Meaghan Nelson and Dani Stack run laps during cross-country practice at the Lied on Nov. 8. Nelson finished second in the Big 12 Conference 6,000-meter race while Stack finished sixth.

Volleyball

Landwehr provides dynamics

By Dean Berhow-Goll
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To expect to have a setter like former Cyclone Kaylee Manns — who graduated after the 2009-10 season — as a part of your program every year might be setting the bar too high.

But junior Alison Landwehr works hard enough that that bar is within reach.

"I feel like Alison, no matter what, is going to work her butt off," said coach Christy Johnson-Lynch. "No matter what you ask of her, she does what she can to work as hard as she can."

This is Landwehr's second season as the starting setter for the Cyclones.

Last year in her first season as starter, she had 1,248 assists, which ranks her for seventh all-time at Iowa State for assists in a season.

She also averaged 11.89 assists per set which was good for first in the Big 12 and is above Manns' senior season pace of 11.69 assists per set.

Landwehr differs from Manns in a few ways. Landwehr stands at 6 feet tall, compared to Manns, who was 5-foot-9-inches. With that height, she is able to be more of a presence at the net on the defensive end.

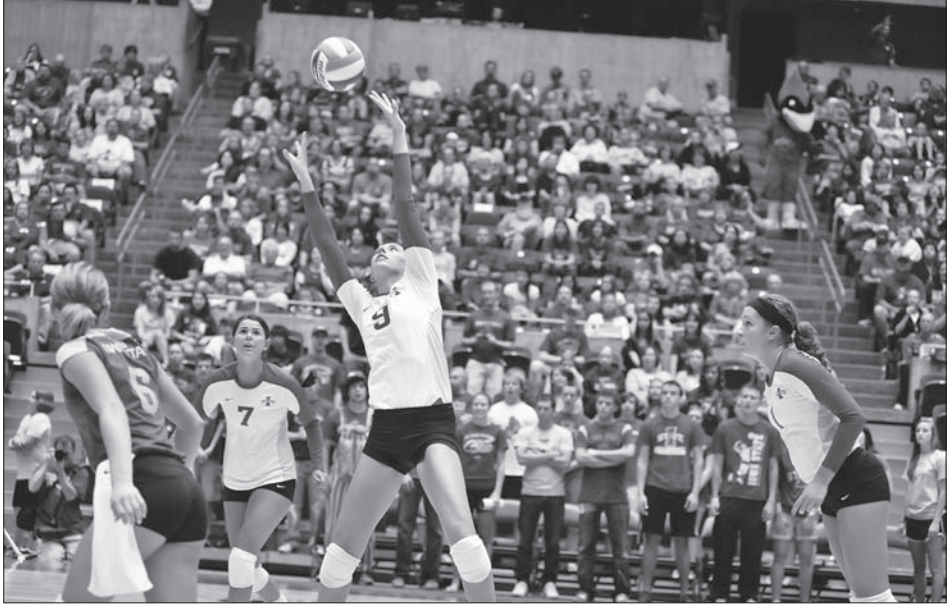
"I think Al has a better block with her being taller," Johnson-Lynch said.

Along with being a better presence at the net on the defensive end, Landwehr is able to be a threat on the offensive side too. Landwehr has the ability to deceive the defense into thinking she is going to set the ball, then effortlessly dumps the ball with her left hand over the net to catch the blockers off guard.

With Landwehr's ability to keep the blockers honest, it opens up a lot of options for the other hitters.

"If the blockers are worried about me, then we have more one-on-one blocks," Landwehr said. "It's good to have them constantly worrying about whether I'm going to take the ball over or set it."

They also differ in the way that Landwehr is a bit more vocal in games and in practice. Landwehr said Manns




File photo: Zhenru Zhang/Iowa State Daily
Alison Landwehr sets the ball against Oklahoma on Oct. 8, at Hilton Coliseum. Coach Christy Lynch-Johnson said she has been working hard lately and getting better and better.

led mostly by example, but she tries to be a bit more vocal and communicate out on the court more.

Her ability to communicate on and off the court with her teammates makes a huge difference.

"The big thing with me and Alison is that we're such good friends off the court we can talk about everything," said junior middle back Jamie Straube. "It's really big for me to be able to say 'let's try this' or she can ask me what I want to do."

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Calendar

Thursday



"Captain America"

- Where: Carver 101
- When: 7 and 10 p.m.

* Showings continue on Friday and Saturday, Sunday at 4 and 7 p.m.

The Devil Makes Three w/ Brown Bird

- Where: M Shop
- When: 8 p.m.
- Cost: \$13 students, \$15 general + \$2 day of show

Friday



"Love's Labor's Lost"

- Where: Fisher Theater
- When: 7:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$8 students, \$16 adults

*Other shows on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday



Eddie Shaw and the Wolf Gang

- Where: M Shop
- When: 9 p.m.
- Cost: \$3 students, \$12 general

Sunday

"Style Wars"

- Where: 1017 Morrill Hall
- When: 2 p.m.

Band Extravaganza

- Where: Stephens Auditorium
- When: 3 p.m.
- Cost: \$5 students, \$10 adults

Monday

Multicultural Instrumentalist Todd Green

- Where: Fisher Theater
- When: 7:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$5 students, \$10 adults

Tuesday



Dayton Contemporary Dance

- Where: Stephens Auditorium
- When: 7:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$15 students, \$33 adults

Har Mar Superstar

- Where: M Shop
- When: 8 p.m.
- Cost: \$8 students, \$10 general + \$2 day of show

Wednesday

ISU Jazz Ensembles I and II

- Where: Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall
- When: 7:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$2 students, \$4 adults

Music



Photo courtesy of The Devil Makes Three

By Cole Komma
Ames247 Writer

The Devil Makes Three, a country swing band from Santa Cruz, Calif., will be performing Thursday at the Maintenance Shop with Rhode Island-based band Brown Bird.

Connor Nolan, the M-Shop director for the Student Union Board, said the band's sound and live performance are what initially prompted SUB to book The Devil Makes Three.

"After doing some research, we were excited about the prospect of having The Devil Makes Three. [They] are doing really cool things in their genre that we had never really seen before," Nolan said. "They appeal to a wide audience and they put on a fun live show from what we hear."

Concert

When: Thursday at 8 p.m.
What: The Devil Makes Three with Brown Bird
Where: The M-Shop
Cost: \$13 students, \$15 public + \$2 day-of-show

We're hoping to give them a great first visit to Iowa."

Pete Bernhard, guitarist and lead singer of The Devil Makes Three, explained the band's sound and genre.

"I'd say we're more akin to country swing and blues," Bernhard said. "We're hard to describe, and I like that about our band."

Bernard was influenced by "finger-picking blues" and from the records given to him by his family.

His brother introduced him to rock 'n' roll while his dad listened to blues.

The Devil Makes Three also has been described as "folk punk," and Bernhard explained the band's punk influence.

"A lot of us liked punk when we were younger and went to a lot of punk shows," Bernhard said. "Punk shows are really fun live and that's what we wanted to bring to our shows; make them fun to go to and have the energy of punk."

This high energy has been captured on the band's latest release, "Stomp and Smash," a live album recorded at the Mystic Theatre. Bernhard said the record is "just like a fun show" and the band wanted to make a "fun party record."

"That's what we were shooting for, and that's what we got," Bernhard said.

He said the band is very excited to play at Iowa State for the first time, and he assured aspiring musicians to never give up and said "endurance is the main ingredient."

"[A music career] a lot of hard work, and we've really kept at it," Bernhard said. "But at the end of the day, we love what we do. You just have to believe it is going to work."

They will perform Thursday.

Band



ISU bands plan for fun concert at Stephens

By Olivia Gard
Ames247 Writer

The Band Extravaganza concert will take place Sunday at 3 p.m. in Stephens Auditorium.

This annual concert will begin with ISU Wind Ensemble, continue with Jazz Band I and then end with the Cyclone Marching Band.

It is the marching band's

Band Concert

When: Sunday at 3 p.m.
What: Band Extravaganza
Where: Stephen's Auditorium
Cost: \$5 students, children and seniors, \$10 adults

only indoor event, so the majority of the concert will be the marching band's performance, said Michael Golemo, director of Wind Ensemble.

ISU Wind Ensemble will perform two pieces, one of which will be Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony.

"We wanted to do something that plays to a big audience," said Golemo about the ensemble's musical selections. "We want it to be fun and enjoyable and lots of enthusiasm and spirit."

Jazz Band I will perform "Channel One Suite" by Buddy Rich, a set combining three musical pieces. The band will then play an encore piece called "There Will Never be Another You" by Harry Warren, said Dr. James Bovinette, director of

the Jazz Ensemble program.

Although many may see the large size of Stephens as intimidating, Dr. Bovinette said "it's just right for us," and the jazz band plans to "fill up" the auditorium.

The Marching Band will perform 12 pieces that have been students' favorites throughout the year, said Steven Smyth, Marching Band director.

Smyth said it will be an "entertaining show," and the marching band pieces will include small skits and twists to the music, such as special effects.

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Casey Buenzow

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Recording

Local band delays album release

Drummer’s departure forestalls work

By Vincent Geerts
Ames247 Writer

Local band The Workshy has been featured in music festivals like 80/35 and Little Big Fest for the past two years, and has been working to re-release its first studio album. Originally, its release was

Concert

When: Friday at 9 p.m.
What: The Workshy w/The Sun Company (21+)

Where: DG’s Taphouse
Cost: \$5

scheduled to occur during a show at DG’s Taphouse this Friday.
The band has since delayed the release after announcing the departure of

drummer Evan Cokeley.
“It was really just a matter of creative differences and priorities,” said bassist Jiho Han.
The band enjoyed making

music together with Cokeley and has wished him the best of luck in the future.
Han will temporarily move over to drums for the bands’ upcoming shows, and guitarist Danny Kratzer has taken Han’s place on bass. Han said it has been an opportunity for the band to work with new material.
“It’s really been a breath of fresh air,” Han said. “We’ve been working with new material and the new lineup a lot, though we are looking for a new drummer.”

Philanthropy

T4T concert benefits kids

By Olivia Gard
Ames247 Writer

Toys of all shapes and sizes will be filling the tables outside the Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Sigma Alpha Iota, a music-based sorority on campus, is organizing their third-annual Toys for Tots concert. Admission cost is an unwrapped toy or monetary donation, which can be given to Sigma Alpha Iota members in the lobby before entering.

“[This event] was started because we wanted good philanthropy that included music and the holidays,” said Janee Becker, junior in anthropology and president of SAI.
SAI handed out invitations to professors and musical groups throughout Music Hall and selected five groups. The performances will be from associate professor Jonathan Sturm and Julie Sturm, lecturers in the music department, with an instrumental duet, William Staub, lecturer in music, with a Euphonium solo, the Ames Piano Quartet, the ISU Jazz Combo group and “Shy of a Dozen” men’s a cappella group.
“[The purpose of the concert is] music appreciation for the most part,” said Victoria Pioszak, senior in music and

Concert

When: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
What: Toys for Tots concert
Where: Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall, Music Hall
Cost: A donation to Toys for Tots

fundraising chairwoman of SAI. “It’s something for the students in our building to come and listen to our faculty, because we usually have only one faculty concert a year, and with this one we can all bring a toy or a little something.”
There will be a casual reception after the concert. It will include foods, punch and possibly Christmas carols, Becker said.
Other fundraising efforts by Sigma Alpha Iota include holding a pizza table every Friday in the Music Hall lobby 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the group will hopefully be auctioning off a decorated piano next semester, Pioszak said.
Becker said two Marines will be present to transport the donations from Music Hall after the concert.

From Athlete to Adventure Writer

Lynne Cox and Dr. Gabriella Miotto
Thursday, 10 November 2011 - 7 pm- Sun Room, Memorial Union

Lynn Cox, athlete and author of *Swimming to Antartica*, *Grayson*, and *the South with the Sun*, is known for her unique ability to perform open-water swims in frigid waters. She has used her endurance swims as tools of diplomacy to promote cooperation between countries and is the recipient of the Susan B. Anothny Award for Leadership. She was inducted into the Swimming Hall of Fame in 2000. Dr. Gabriella Miotto, is a practicing family physician and served as Lynne Cox’s personal physician on several of her open-water swims.

Healing and the Imagination

Dr. Gabriella Miotto
Thursday, 10 November 2011 - 4 pm - South Ballroom, Memorial Union

An interactive presentation led by Dr. Gaberiella Miotto, a family physician, humanitarian, activist and poet. Dr. Miotto focuses on community and integrative medicine and sues poetry, art, and dance therapies with her patients and trauma victims. She has worked with refugees in both Kosovo and Guatemala and is currently on staff at the Children’s Clinic in Long Beach, California. Her work appears in *Pop Art: An Anthology of Southern California Poetry*.

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Healthy Intimate & Sexual Relationships Workshop
Tom Klaus

Tom Klaus is the director of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative at Advocates for Youth. He developed the Healthy Intimate and Sexual Relationships workshop in collaboration with Iowa State’s Gender & Relationships on Campus student group and Teresa Downing, faculty in the Department of Sociology. It is designed for young adults and focuses specifically on sex and relationships in today’s campus culture.

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